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FBIS 47

LEFTIST ATHENS DAILIES ASSAIL U.S. AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT

AT100833 ATHENS I AVYI IN GREEK 10 DEC 74 P 3 AT

(FROM THE "COMMENTS" COLUMN: "MR KUBISCH")

(TEXT) THE U.S. AMBASSADOR, MR KUBISCH, HAS TOLD AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES THAT GREECE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE CONTINUATION OF U.S. MILITARY AID TO TURKEY. OF COURSE, EVEN IF INDIRECTLY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DEPLORED MR KUBISCH'S STAND. BUT THIS DOES NOT COVER THE WHOLE QUESTION. AND THE QUESTION IS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WANT TO GRASP THE FACT THAT SOMETHING HAS CHANGED IN GREECE AND THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE ANY MORE FOR THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO BEHAVE EACH TIME AS SOME SORT

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OF GAULEITER OF THE "GOOD OLD DAYS." THE DEMAND FOR THE

REMOVAL OF AMERICAN BASES FROM GREECE--WHICH WAS NOT A MERE
ELECTORAL SLOGAN--EXPRESSES A MORE GENERAL AND DEEPER
STAND ON MATTERS RELATED TO OUR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE.
MR KUBISCH WILL ALSO HAVE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES.

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THE FACT THAT HE IS NOT ACCREDITED TO SOME LATIN AMERICAN
"BANANA" REPUBLIC AND TO BRIEF HIS SUPERIORS ON THIS.

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AT100833 ATHENS RIZOSPASTIS IN GREEK 10 DEC 74 P 2 AT

(FROM THE "RADICAL" COLUMN: "PERSONA NON GRATA")

(TEXT) THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS, MR KUBISCH, WITH
THE ELAN OF A LORD PROTECTOR DISPLAYED BY ALL AMERICAN
AMBASSADORS WHO HAVE SERVED IN OUR COUNTRY SINCE THE
NOTORIOUS TRUMAN DOCTRINE, DECLARED IN CONGRESS THE
OTHER DAY THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT ALLEGEDLY AGREES TO
THE CONTINUATION OF U.S. MILITARY AID TO TURKEY.

IT APPEARS FROM THE STATEMENTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER
BITSIOS THAT FOLLOWED THAT MR KUBISCH MADE THIS
DECLARATION AND SPOKE IN THE NAME OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT
WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION. IF THIS IS HOW THINGS STAND, HOW-
EVER, THEN THE ONLY THING THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST DO IS
TO DENOUNCE MR KUBISCH AS PERSONA NON GRATA AND DEMAND
HIS RECALL. ELEMENTARY RESPECT FOR OUR NATIONAL DIGNITY
DEMANDS THIS.

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